



WPS BOARD BRIEFS
Regular Board Meeting
January 26, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM

School Board Appreciation Month:

January is recognized as School Board Appreciation Month. During Monday evening's meeting, attendees expressed their gratitude to the WPS Board of Education for their dedication and commitment to ensuring a high-quality educational experience for all students in the District. Each board member received a thoughtful collection of posters, cards, treats, and gifts prepared by staff and students from each school building. The group also watched a collection of thank you videos featuring WPS students and staff created by buildings across the district.

1/12/26 Board Minutes:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the regular session WPS Board of Education meeting held at 6:00 PM on Monday, January 12, 2026.

Personnel Transactions:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

Isabella Welter, FDSV Float, Eff 1/12/26

Tamara Bryant, Bus Driver Sub, Eff 1/5/26

Position Changes:

Anna Rivera, College & Career Coordinator, Eff 1/26/26

Special Election Resolution:
Action Item – Adopted

The Board reviewed the following documents related to the resolution calling for a special school election on May 5, 2026; proposed ballot language, certification of ballot proposition, Kent County calendar for bond elections, and campaign finance act frequently asked questions.

The following ballot resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS:

1. *This Board intends to submit a proposition at a special election to be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2026.*
2. *On or before 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, the Board shall certify any ballot proposition to be submitted to the voters at such election to the election coordinator or coordinators designated to conduct elections within the District (the "Election Coordinator").*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. *A special election of the school electors of the District be called and held on Tuesday, May 5, 2026.*

2. *The proposition to be voted on at the special election shall be stated on the ballots in substantially the form as set forth in Exhibit A.*
3. *The Election Coordinator is requested to:*
 - a. *Utilize The Grand Rapids Press / MLive, a newspaper published or of general circulation within the District, for publication of notices in accordance with the election law requirements.*
 - b. *Utilize ballot proposition summary information, as prepared by legal counsel, in the forms of the notices of last day of registration and election in substantially the form as set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto.*
 - c. *Provide a proof copy of the ballot to the District and its legal counsel in sufficient time to allow the ballot to be proofread prior to printing.*
4. *The Secretary of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to file a copy of this resolution with the Election Coordinator and with any Election Clerk or clerks designated to conduct elections within the District by 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, February 10, 2026.*
5. *All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.*

Spring Enrollment

Wednesday, February 11, 2026, will be the second Student Count Day for the 2025-26 school year. All students who are “unexcused” on Count Day have ten (10) school days to attend school to count towards the District’s enrollment numbers. Students who are “excused” have thirty (30) calendar days to report back to school. Spring count day represents 10% of the state funding per student.

Superintendent Hoekstra provided a preview of new District spring enrollment initiatives, outlining efforts currently planned to support and increase student enrollment for the upcoming school year. The initiatives include targeted outreach to prospective families, enhanced communication highlighting district programs and student opportunities, and collaboration with school leaders to ensure consistent messaging across the district.

Finance Reports – December 2025: **Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the December 2025 check register and budget to actual report.

Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference Update:

Jamie Carnes, WPS Associate Superintendent, provided an update on the Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference, summarizing key information related to projected state funding and revenue assumptions for the upcoming fiscal year. The update included an overview of enrollment trends, anticipated changes in per-pupil funding, and factors that may impact future district revenues. Administration will continue to monitor updates from the state and incorporate the finalized estimates into budget planning and long-term financial projections.

WHS Student Trip Request –
Key Club:

Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved a trip request from Wyoming High School for students to attend the Key Club Service Leadership Conference. The conference will take place February 27 through March 1, with an overnight stay at the Ann Arbor Marriott at Eagle Crest in Ypsilanti, Michigan. The trip is intended to provide students with opportunities for leadership development, service learning, and collaboration with peers from across the region.

WHS Student Trip Request –
Student Council:

Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved a trip request from Wyoming High School for a student to attend the Student Council State Leadership Conference. The conference will take place February 21 through February 23, with an overnight stay at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel. The trip will provide the student with opportunities to develop leadership skills, participate in collaborative sessions, and represent Wyoming High School at the state level.

WHS Student Trip Request –
BPA:

Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved a trip request for Wyoming High School students to attend the Business Professionals of America (BPA) 54th Annual State Leadership Conference, to be held March 12–15, 2026, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Students qualified for the state conference by placing in the top six individually and top two teams at the Regional Competition. Participation in the BPA State Leadership Conference provides students with opportunities to develop leadership skills, enhance personal and professional growth, and build career-related competencies. Conference activities include leadership workshops, Workplace Skills Assessment Program events, state officer elections, and networking with peers from more than 100 schools across Michigan.

Upcoming Events:

Board Committee Work Session

Thursday, February 5, 2026 – 4:30 PM

Thursday, February 19, 2026 – 4:30 PM

Board Meetings:

Monday, February 9, 2026 – 6 PM

Monday, February 23, 2026 – 6 PM

Other:

Staff PD / No School For Scholars – January 30, 2026

WJH Band Concert – February 10, 2026 – 6:30 PM – DHFAC

WHS Band Concert – February 10, 2026 – 7:30 PM - DHFAC

Spring Count Day – February 11, 2026

Mid-Winter Break – February 13 & 16, 2026

Scholar ½ Day (AM Only) – March 5 & 6, 2026

West Elementary Literacy Night - March 10, 2026 – 5:30 PM

Staff PD / No School For Scholars – March 13, 2026

Spring Break – April 3-10, 2026

Staff PD / No School For Scholars – April 24, 2026

WYO Festival of the Arts - April 25, 2026 - 10 AM - 2 PM - WHS

Class of 2026 Graduation Ceremony - May 26, 2026 - 6:30 PM -

Calvin University